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Title: JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee attended Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., 9/31 to 6/12/35, when AB degree conferred. Appointee's employment as instructor at Fisk University 1936-1937 verified. Appointee highly recommended by former instructor and scholastic colleagues as brilliant instructor, scholar and writer. Information concerning appointee's activities as reported in Nashville, Tenn., newspapers, set forth. Appointee's credit rating at Nashville, Tenn., satisfactory. No record found for appointee or family at Nashville PD or Davidson County SO, Nashville.

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DETAILS: AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Unless otherwise noted, all investigation reported hereinafter in the details of this report was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

Education, Employment and Member of
Board of Trustees, Fisk University,
Nashville, Tennessee

On January 11, 1962, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised her records indicate the appointee enrolled as an

undergraduate student in September 1931, and was graduated magna cum laude with an AB degree on June 12, 1935. His major subject was History and his minor was Government. His overall grade average, according to [redacted] was slightly below an "A." His record indicated that he was born January 2, 1915, in Rentiesville, Oklahoma. His parents were shown as BUCK COLBERT and MOLLIE PARKER FRANKLIN, of 338 North Frankfort Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma, which was also noted as the appointee's home address.

These records further indicated the appointee had attended Booker T. Washington High School, Tulsa, from 1927 to 1931, where, according to [redacted] his scholastic record was excellent. She stated her records contain no indication of disciplinary action having ever been taken against the appointee while a student at Fisk.

[redacted] advised she is personally acquainted with the appointee, and has known him since he came to the university as an undergraduate student in 1931. She stated she considers the appointee to be one of the most outstanding graduates of Fisk University and stated he is currently serving as a member of the Board of Trustees of Fisk University. She advised that he was a brilliant student and was graduated with honors.

She recalled further that in 1953, when the Phi Beta Kappa chapter was formed at Fisk, the appointee was recalled to the University, where he was given his key because of his outstanding scholastic record there, and for his distinctive record as a scholar, historian and writer after his graduation. She advised that the appointee received his MA degree from Harvard University in 1936, then returned to Fisk University, where he taught history for one year. He later returned to Harvard University, where he took his PhD degree, and has since attained prominence as a historian, writer and scholar. She advised he is currently serving as head of the Department of History at Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York.

She continued that she considers the appointee's character, reputation and associates to be above reproach, and further, that she had never had occasion to question his loyalty. She advised she is personally acquainted with the appointee's wife and son, and considers them above reproach. She advised that [redacted] is currently attending Fisk University, and she knows of nothing which would

reflect adversely upon his character, reputation, associates or loyalty. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further advised that she knows of no marital or financial difficulties which the appointee may have had, and further, to the best of her knowledge, he had never been involved in any difficulty with law enforcement agencies. She stated she considers him financially stable and that she would highly recommend him for any position with the U.S. Government for which his qualifications could be used.

On January 11, 1962, THEODORE S. CURRIER, head of the Department of History and Government, advised that he first met the appointee in 1931, when appointee enrolled as an undergraduate student at Fisk University. CURRIER advised he considers the appointee to be the most outstanding student to have been graduated from his department during his tenure at the university. He advised that the appointee was graduated magna cum laude in 1935 from Fisk University, then secured his master's degree at Harvard University and then returned in 1936 to Fisk University, where he taught History for a year. CURRIER advised that he believed the appointee did an excellent job of teaching at the university in 1936, and that Fisk or any university would be fortunate to secure his services in any capacity. He advised that the appointee, after leaving Fisk University, went to Harvard University and obtained his Ph.D. degree and since that time has taught at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; North Carolina College for Negroes in North Carolina; has traveled and written extensively and is currently serving as head of the Department of History at Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York.

CURRIER advised that the appointee's parents, originally from Tulsa, Oklahoma, are deceased, and the appointee has two sisters. CURRIER advised he is not acquainted with the sisters, but he is personally acquainted with the appointee and his immediate family, and considers them to be above reproach in every respect.

CURRIER advised that he considers the appointee to be above reproach in every respect and has never had occasion to question the appointee's character, reputation, associates or loyalty. He advised that the appointee is emotionally stable,

reliable, and highly intelligent.

CURRIER advised that the appointee has recently written a new book, entitled "Reconstruction After the Civil War," published by the University of Chicago Press, which is dedicated to CURRIER. CURRIER advised that the appointee has written a number of excellent historical works, and that he personally knows that the appointee has been offered a series of excellent positions throughout the years in the scholastic world. He stated that the appointee had been offered the presidency of Howard University in Washington, D.C., but had refused it. He advised that the appointee is presently serving in an elective position as head of the History Department in Brooklyn at \$17,000 per year, and he knows of no financial difficulties which appointee might have had.

CURRIER advised that he recalls that the appointee resided on the Fisk University campus during his school days and during the time he was instructor at Fisk University, and there would be no one other than himself and other members of the faculty at Fisk University who would recall appointee.

CURRIER advised that he would highly recommend the appointee for any position of trust and confidence with the U.S. Government. (3)

On January 11, 1962, [redacted] Fisk University, advised that he first met the appointee in 1931, when appointee enrolled at Fisk University as a student. He advised that he has been a personal friend of the appointee since 1937, and that for the past ten or twelve years, the appointee has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Fisk University. [redacted] advised that the appointee has an excellent scholastic background and has obtained his Ph.D. at Harvard University, written a number of serious historical works, and is regarded as one of the outstanding graduates of Fisk. He advised that the appointee has traveled extensively, is highly capable, and is considered an outstanding historian. [redacted] advised that he has never had occasion to question the appointee's character, associations, or reputation and loyalty. He stated further that he knows of no difficulty which the appointee may have had with law enforcement agencies. He advised that to the best of his knowledge, the appointee has never had any financial difficulties and is presently serving as head of the Department of

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History, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York. He advised that the appointee is mature, responsible, and that he would highly recommend him for any position of trust with the U.S. Government for which he is qualified.

On January 11, 1962, [REDACTED] advised that he recalls the appointee as a student who enrolled at Fisk in 1931, was graduated with honors in 1935, and has since attained prominence as a historian and writer. He advised that the appointee was never involved in any disciplinary problems while at Fisk, and that in April 1947, was elected to the Board of Trustees of Fisk University. He advised that the appointee has served as an instructor at Fisk University, North Carolina College for Negroes, Howard University, and is presently serving as the head of the History Department at Brooklyn College.

He advised that he has never had occasion to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty, and that the appointee has never been known to have had any financial or marital difficulties. [REDACTED] advised that he would highly recommend the appointee for any position in the U.S. Government for which his qualifications would qualify him.

On January 15, 1962, STEPHEN J. WRIGHT, President, Fisk University, advised that he first met the appointee about 20 years ago when they were teaching colleagues at North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham, North Carolina. He advised that prior to that time, he believed the appointee had taught at St. Augustine's College at Raleigh, North Carolina. WRIGHT advised that he has been president of Fisk University for the past five years, and has known the appointee in that period as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University. He advised he holds the appointee in the highest regard and stated appointee has an impeccable record as a scholar, historian and writer. He advised that the appointee is presently serving as the head of the History Department of Brooklyn College in Brooklyn, New York, and that he considers him a brilliant individual, capable of fulfilling any assignment which a college or the U.S. Government would give him. He advised that he recalls that in 1953, the appointee was recalled to Fisk University, where he was made a charter member of the Phi Beta Kappa chapter because of his brilliant scholastic and writing record.

WRIGHT advised that he has never had occasion to question the appointee's character, reputation, associates or loyalty, and has never heard of the appointee having any financial

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or marital difficulties. He advised that he would highly recommend the appointee for a position of trust with the U.S. Government. WRIGHT further advised that he had consulted his records, and that these records reflect that the appointee taught at Fisk University during the school year of 1936-1937 in the Department of History. WRIGHT further advised there was nothing in the record of an adverse nature.

Associates

On January 16, 1962, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he first met the appointee approximately four years ago. [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he has seen the appointee only about one or two times a year since that time, but that the appointee has impressed him with his brilliance and his capacity to forcefully present any ideas his might have. [redacted] further advised that the appointee impresses him as being a firm individual with a great deal of maturity and experience. He advised that the appointee possesses the quality of piercing to the crux of any problem confronting the Board, and that the appointee is considered by him to be a highly capable individual. He advised that he knows that the appointee is an eminent historical writer, has an excellent background scholastically, and has served with distinction at a number of universities and colleges throughout the country. He advised he has never had occasion to question the appointee's character, associates, reputation or loyalty, and that he would highly recommend the appointee for any position with the U.S. Government commensurate with his training and ability.

Miscellaneous

The April 21, 1950, edition of the "Nashville Tennessean," a daily Nashville, Tennessee, newspaper, carried an article which indicated that the appointee had been awarded a Guggenheim fellowship for the year 1950-1951. This article indicated that the appointee would study the archives and libraries of the South, investigating the "reactions of Southern travelers to Northern civilization, 1800-1860." This article further indicated that the appointee's study of this matter grew out of a book which he was currently writing, called the "Martial South." It further identified the appointee as a member of the Board of Trustees of Fisk University, Nashville.

On April 6, 1953, the "Nashville Banner," a daily Nashville newspaper, carried an article which indicated that a

public assembly on the previous Sunday in honor of the installation of the Phi Beta Kappa chapter at Fisk University had been held, at which the appointee, described as a history professor at Howard University, who was then serving as a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin, had been presented his Phi Beta Kappa key because of his distinction after graduation from Fisk. This article further indicated that the appointee had been graduated with an AB degree from Fisk in 1935 and subsequently had received his MA and PhD degrees at Harvard University.

The April 27, 1956, edition of the "Nashville Banner," carried an article which indicated that the appointee was to deliver an address to the Phi Beta Kappa chapter at Fisk University on April 28, 1956. This article indicated that the appointee had become head of the Department of History at Brooklyn College at \$11,000 per year and was a well known traveler and lecturer.

The April 23, 1959, edition of the "Nashville Tennessean," carried an article indicating that the appointee, described as a professor and chairman of the Department of History, Brooklyn College, and a 1935 Fisk graduate, was scheduled at a later date during the spring of 1959 to deliver a dedicatory address at Fisk University for two new buildings constructed there.

The December 28, 1960, edition of the "Nashville Banner," carried an article which indicated that the appointee had been appointed vice-chairman of the New York State Civil War Centennial Commission, and that this appointment had been made by New York Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER. This article indicated that the appointee was the author of "Civil War Diary of JAMES T. AYERS," and "From Slavery to Freedom - A History of American Negroes."

This article further indicated that the appointee was the first Negro to be named as a Department chairman at Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York.

The June 21, 1961, edition of the "Nashville Banner" carried an article which indicated that the appointee had spoken at Fisk University on June 20, 1961, on the topic, "An Historical View of Race Relations in the United States," in which he had indicated that he felt race relations at the end of the Civil War were worse than before the Civil War. It was further stated that the appointee had indicated that a study of the racial problem in the Northern states after the Civil War had indicated

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that there was no widespread practice of racial equality there.

Law Enforcement Checks

On January 12, 1962, [redacted] Identification Officer, Davidson County Sheriff's Office, and [redacted] Clerk, Central Records Division, Nashville Police Department, Nashville, Tennessee, advised SE [redacted] that they were unable to locate any information in the files of their respective offices concerning the appointee, his wife, [redacted]

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Credit

On January 12, 1962, [redacted] Clerk, Credit Bureau of Nashville, Nashville, Tennessee, advised SE [redacted] that the appointee's name has been maintained in the files of her office since 1933. She stated that her files indicate that he was employed as a professor at Fisk University in 1936 and 1937. She stated the appointee was reportedly 28 years old in 1936, and was single. She advised that the appointee was a limited seeker of credit in Nashville, having only three accounts of record, and that his credit rating was considered generally satisfactory. She further advised that no inquiries have been received concerning him since 1937 and that there is no information in her files which would reflect adversely on his character, loyalty or associates. She further advised that a check of the files of her office had failed to reveal any information concerning the appointee's wife, [redacted]

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Office: CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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Title: JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employment as teacher, N. C. A and T College, Greensboro, N. C., summer 1937; St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, N. C., fall 1939 to June, 1943; N. C. College, Durham, N. C., September 1943 to June, 1947, verified. Acquaintances recommend highly as scholar, historian, writer and loyal American citizen of good character and associates. One associate described as very fine person as to personal habits and conduct, outstanding scholar, excellent writer and gentleman. Stated by nature he was both cautious and discreet, but in personality found him to be somewhat egotistical but this was primarily because of high standards he set for himself and others. Father and mother-in-law, ~~SAMUEL W. and BERTHA K. WHITTINGTON~~, reside Goldsboro, N. C. Credit and identification for them negative. Credit and identification for appointee negative and Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh, N. C. Newspaper morgues negative.

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AT DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

EMPLOYMENT

On January 12, 1962, [redacted] North Carolina College, advised her records reflected JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN was employed as a Professor of History at North Carolina College from September, 1943, to June, 1947. She stated he was a graduate of Fiske University at Nashville, Tennessee, and had obtained his Ph.D. at Harvard University. He voluntarily left North Carolina College to take a position as Professor of History at Howard University and thereafter took a similar position at Brooklyn College.

[redacted] advised she had known FRANKLIN well, both as a colleague and social friend during his residence at Durham, North Carolina. She said, in her opinion, he had exhibited as much potential as any young faculty member ever to come to North Carolina College. She described him as a gentleman and scholar of high intellectual capacity. She noted he was married to a girl from Goldsboro, North Carolina, AURELIA WHITTINGTON, who was also well regarded. Since leaving Durham, North Carolina, they had had one son, now about eight years old.

[redacted] stated FRANKLIN had voluntarily left North Carolina College to take a better position at Howard University. She stated she knew he was highly thought of by the President of North Carolina College at the time now deceased. She said she would recommend FRANKLIN in every respect for a position of trust with the government.

On January 12, 1962, [redacted] a professor at North Carolina College, advised she had known the FRANKLINS intimately while they were at North Carolina College and since that time had seen them on many occasions, both in this country and abroad. She described FRANKLIN as a very fine person as to personal habits and conduct. In addition, she stated he was an outstanding scholar, an excellent writer, and a gentleman. She said by nature he was both cautious and discreet. In personality, she said some found him to be somewhat egotistical but in her opinion this was primarily because of the high standards he set for himself and others.

[redacted] stated she had read the books written by FRANKLIN, including the "Free Negro in North Carolina." She stated this publication was simply a publication of his doctor's dissertation for Harvard University. None of his publications in her opinion contained anything which she felt would be of an embarrassing nature to either Dr. FRANKLIN or the government. She recommended FRANKLIN without reservation for a sensitive position in the government.

On January 12, 1962, [redacted] Department of Social Sciences, North Carolina College, advised he had known FRANKLIN well, both professionally and socially, while FRANKLIN was a professor of history at North Carolina college for approximately four years from 1943 to 1947. He stated FRANKLIN was a scholar of excellent reputation and intellect. So far as he knew, FRANKLIN's character, conduct and credit had always been above reproach. He had never had any reason to question FRANKLIN's loyalty or patriotism and wished he could secure FRANKLIN's return to the faculty of North Carolina College. [redacted] stated he was familiar with all the writings of FRANKLIN and had never observed anything of a questionable nature in these publications. He recommended FRANKLIN highly for a position with the government.

He noted the "Free Negro in North Carolina" written by FRANKLIN was a monograph published by the University of North Carolina Press, which in fact had been an expansion of FRANKLIN's dissertation for a doctorate degree at Harvard University.

On January 12, 1962, [redacted] North Carolina College, advised he had been a student at North Carolina College under FRANKLIN's instruction and had also had some social acquaintance with him. He described FRANKLIN as a long time friend of his family and recommended him highly as to character, loyalty and associations.

CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION

On January 12, 1962, [redacted] Clerk, Merchants Association of Durham, advised she was unable to locate any record for FRANKLIN or his wife in her credit files.

On January 12, 1962, [redacted] Clerk, Durham, North Carolina, Police Department, advised she was unable to locate any record for FRANKLIN or his wife in her identification files.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

On January 15, 1962, [redacted] North Carolina College, advised Dr. FRANKLIN and he had joined the faculty of North Carolina College at the same time in 1943 and had been close personal friends ever since. [redacted] described FRANKLIN as a distinguished American educator and contemporary historian of excellent character, conduct and habits whose loyalty so far as he knew was above question. [redacted] pointed out FRANKLIN was Chairman of the Executive Committee of the American Historical Society. He had traveled abroad as a representative of this country on more than one occasion in the past. He left North Carolina College to take a better position with Howard University and then transferred to Brooklyn College.

[redacted] said he had read all publications written by FRANKLIN. He said all these publications were of an academic nature. Some Negroes had been critical of these publications as they felt FRANKLIN had not sufficiently sided with the Negro. RAY said he felt the publications were objective and failed to contain inflammatory material.

[redacted] advised FRANKLIN was married to the former AURELIA WHITTINGTON, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. WHITTINGTON, of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Mr. WHITTINGTON is a retired railway postal clerk. [redacted] J.S.A.

Both of FRANKLIN's parents are deceased. He also has one deceased brother. [redacted]

[redacted] Another sister, MOZELLA JONES, is employed as a teacher in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

[] said as best he recalled FRANKLIN had been employed as a teacher at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina, while he worked on his doctorate dissertation for Harvard University immediately before FRANKLIN joined the faculty at North Carolina College.

[] stated he would recommend FRANKLIN without reservation for a position of trust with the government.

MISCELLANEOUS

On January 15, 1962, [] Durham Herald Sun Newspapers, advised her newspaper morgue indices failed to reflect any listing for JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN.

On January 15, 1962, [] Duke University Newspaper Room, advised his newspaper morgue regarding clippings from the Durham, North Carolina, daily newspapers was negative concerning JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN.

On January 15, 1962, [] News Office, North Carolina College, advised her files reflected the following information concerning JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN:

Education - Graduated Booker T. Washington High School, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Fisk University 1931-35, A.B. Degree; Harvard University, 1935-36, A.M. Degree; Harvard University, 1937-39, awarded Ph.D. Degree 1941.

Previous employments - Fisk University; A and T College; Bennett College; St. Augustine's College; Alabama State College.

Other employments - Visiting Professor, North Carolina College, second summer session, 1949 and 1955; Harvard University; University of Wisconsin; Cornell; University of Hawaii 1959; Cambridge University 1954.

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Other activities - Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Social Fraternity. At Harvard University he held an Edward Austin Fellowship. Scholarship from the Julius Rosenwald Fund and a Post Doctoral Fellowship from the Social Science Research Council and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fund. In 1952 he was a President's Fellow at Brown University. During 1951 he attended the Salzburg Seminar in American Studies at Austria. In 1954 he lectured in many cities in Germany and in England over the BBC. In 1955 he was one of the American participants in the conference of American and German historians at Braunschweig, Germany. In 1955 he read a paper at the Tenth International Congress of Historical Sciences in Rome, Italy. He has served as a member of the United States National Committee of UNESCO and also as Board of Directors for the American Council on Human Rights. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Fisk University. He represented the United States Department of State as an educational specialist at the independence observance at Nigeria. He also indicated he had served on committees of the American Historical Association and the Southern Historical Association, and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History and he was a member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of Negro History.

EMPLOYMENT

On January 15, 1962, [REDACTED] North Carolina College, confirmed a recheck of her records indicated FRANKLIN had served as a visiting professor during six-week summer sessions at North Carolina College in summers of 1949 and 1955.

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AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

On January 15, 1962, Dr. JAMES A. BOYER, President, St. Augustine's College, advised records of that school reflect JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, born January 2, 1915, Tulsa, Oklahoma, attended Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, where he received B.A. Degree in 1935. He received his Master's and Ph.D. Degrees from Harvard University in 1936 and 1941, respectively. The appointee taught at Fisk University in the school year 1936-37 and in the summer of 1938. He taught at North Carolina A and T College, Greensboro, North Carolina, in the summer of 1937 and was at St. Augustine's College, Raleigh, from the fall of 1939 until June, 1943, as a professor of history and government. Upon leaving St. Augustine's, he was employed as a professor at North Carolina College, Durham, later taught at Howard University, Washington, D. C., and is now chairman of the Department of History at Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York. He married AURELIA E. WHITTINGTON, from Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Dr. BOYER said his records show Dr. FRANKLIN in April, 1958, was elected to the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and in December, 1958, was elected to the Council of the American Historical Association. He is the author of "Free Negro in North Carolina, 1790 - 1863," published in 1943; "From Slavery to Freedom," published in 1947; and "The Militant South," published by Belnap Press of Harvard in 1956.

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Dr. BOYER stated that he was at St. Augustine's College when the appointee was a professor there and that they were closely associated. He said the appointee has been back to St. Augustine's for visits on several occasions and that he has kept up with the appointee's career. He said Dr. FRANKLIN, as a professor at St. Augustine's, was tactful and diplomatic but nevertheless was straightforward in his thinking and actions. He said he was self-disciplined, strictly business, and was sure of his facts before he spoke or took any action. He said the appointee was well informed, had an excellent educational background, was quite articulate, and made an outstanding professor. He said he knows of no information which reflects adversely on the appointee's character, morals, habits or reputation.

Dr. BOYER advised he has never known of any expressions or actions on the part of Dr. FRANKLIN which would indicate he is other than completely loyal. He said he is not aware of the organizations with which the appointee may be associated or with his personal acquaintances in recent years but has no information that he has affiliated with any group or individual whose loyalty could be questioned.

He said that while a professor at St. Augustine's the appointee resided on the campus of that school and that the only other person at the college who was there at the time is [REDACTED]

On January 15, 1962, [REDACTED] St. Augustine's College, advised she was a member of the faculty at that school when the appointee taught there. She stated she has seen him several times since he left the college and has corresponded with him regularly. She described him as an astute scholar who has a good personality and has been able to keep a common touch which enables him to accomplish a great deal. She said he has been honored by being invited to lecture at Universities in Europe and that he is scheduled

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to lecture during the academic year 1962-63 at a foreign university, name not known to her. She advised that she has never known him to make any statement or take any action not in the best interest of this country and she considers him completely loyal. [redacted] said that he is a person of outstanding character and morals about whom she can furnish no unfavorable information.

The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted]
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On January 15, 1962, [redacted] Raleigh Credit Bureau, [redacted] City Court of Raleigh, [redacted] City-County Bureau of Identification, and [redacted] Wake County Superior Court, all advised they could locate no information in their files which could be identified as pertaining to the appointee or his wife.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

AT GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

EMPLOYMENT

On January 17, 1962, [REDACTED] A & T College, advised she could locate no record of the appointee having been employed as an instructor there, but she suggested contacting Dr. W. T. GIBBS, former President of A & T, now retired.

On January 17, 1962, Dr. W. T. GIBBS, former President of A & T College, advised he remembered the appointee quite well and had been instrumental in getting appointee to come to A & T as an instructor for the summer school session of 1937. Dr. GIBBS said that the appointee had never instructed at Bennett College but had, of course, later instructed at North Carolina College in Durham, North Carolina.

Dr. GIBBS stated he has maintained contact with the appointee over the years and last saw appointee in Nigeria when he (GIBBS) attended a celebration there in the fall of 1960.

Dr. GIBBS said he considers the appointee an outstanding man in the field of education and a person of the highest character and integrity and of unquestioned loyalty to this country.

Dr. GIBBS said appointee was single and stayed on the campus during the summer of 1937, but that he later married a North Carolina girl whose name is AURELIA, and he had known her by reputation also. He stated he would not hesitate to recommend appointee highly for a position of confidence and trust with the Government.

CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION

On January 17, 1962, [REDACTED] Greensboro Credit Bureau, and [REDACTED] Greensboro Police Department, Records Office, advised they were unable to locate any record for JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN or AURELIA FRANKLIN.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED]
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On January 15, 1962, [REDACTED] Secretary, Goldsboro, North Carolina, Police Department, advised that her files contained no record identifiable with SAMUEL W. WHITTINGTON, father-in-law of appointee BERTHA K. WHITTINGTON, mother-in-law, [REDACTED] AURELIA WHITTINGTON FRANKLIN, wife, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On January 15, 1962, [REDACTED] Goldsboro Credit Bureau, advised that Mr. and Mrs. SAMUEL WHITTINGTON have a very satisfactory credit rating. She found no record identifiable with any other member of the family.

On January 15, 1962, Detective Lieutenant [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Goldsboro, North Carolina, Police Department, advised that Mr. and Mrs. SAMUEL W. WHITTINGTON reside at 306 South James Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina. He stated that Mr. WHITTINGTON is a retired railway postal clerk and that they enjoy an excellent reputation in the community.

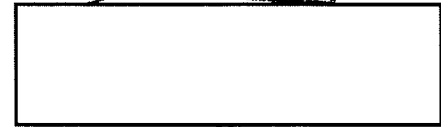
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JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, SPI. NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE RECORDS
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BEING CONSIDERED FOR POSITION WHICH WILL REQUIRE PRESIDENTIAL
APPROVAL. BORN JANUARY TWO, FIFTEEN, RENTIESVILLE, OKLAHOMA,
AND RESIDES BROOKLYN, NY, WHERE HE IS PROFESSOR OF HISTORY,
BROOKLYN COLLEGE. SEE WHO-S WHO FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND DATA.
CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION COVERING CHARACTER, LOYALTY,
GENERAL STANDING AND ABILITY ACCOUNTING FOR ENTIRE ADULT LIFE.
COMPLETE NAMES AND CURRENT ADDRESSES OF ALL CLOSE RELATIVES
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Bureau File No.:

Title: JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

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WALDO EMERSON JONES, SR. is a respected attorney at Tulsa, Oklahoma. His wife, MOZELLA D. FRANKLIN JONES, is employed as a school teacher. Law enforcement agency checks at Tulsa negative. Credit records at Tulsa show Applicant's parents deceased.

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Details:

RELATIVES

At Tulsa, Oklahoma

[redacted] Credit Bureau of Tulsa, Inc., 611 S. Detroit, advised on January 15, 1962, that records of that agency reflect a credit file on WALDO EMERSON JONES, SR., and wife MOZELLA D. FRANKLIN JONES, 1828 N. Norfolk, Tulsa, Oklahoma, covering the period August 1938 to October 1961. As of October 1961 WALDO EMERSON JONES, SR. was 52 years of age and was self-employed as an attorney. His wife was employed as a teacher by the Tulsa Board of Education. According to the above file, they had previously resided at 1808 N. Norfolk in Tulsa. Although most accounts were listed as satisfactory, there were several accounts rated as slow.

[redacted] Record Bureau, Tulsa Police Department, stated on January 15, 1962, that a search of the records of that bureau failed to disclose any information identifiable with WALDO or MOZELLA JONES.

[redacted] Record Bureau, Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, stated on January 15, 1962, that records of that

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office contained no information concerning WALDO or MOZELLA JONES. [redacted] stated that she is personally acquainted with WALDO JONES and knows him to be a respected attorney at Tulsa.

[redacted] Oklahoma Natural Gas Co., 6th and Boston, advised that current records reflect that WALDO EMERSON JONES, SR. presently resides at 1828 N. Norfolk in Tulsa.

On January 17, 1962, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Tulsa, Inc., advised her files reflect a credit record on BEN COLBERT FRANKLIN, SR., Applicant's father, 1808 N. Norfolk, Tulsa, Oklahoma, covering the period June 1923 to May 1957. His occupation was listed as an attorney; his wife MOLLY FRANKLIN (Mrs. BEN C. FRANKLIN, SR.) was listed as deceased at an unspecified date prior to May 1957. [redacted] stated this file contained a death notice dated September 26, 1960, which reported BEN COLBERT FRANKLIN, SR. died at the age of 81 years.

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JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

Character:

SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee received honorary degree of Doctor of
Laws, Lincoln University, 6/6/61.

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DETAILS: At Lincoln University, Pa.

On January 17, 1962, [redacted] Registrar's
Office, Lincoln University, advised from records that JOHN HOPE
FRANKLIN received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on
June 6, 1961. She stated her records contained no other infor-
mation concerning the conferring of this degree.

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Field Office File No.: 161-307

Bureau File No.:

Title: JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Appointee was visiting professor in history at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, during summer session of 1953. [REDACTED] Department of History, highly recommends. [REDACTED] has known appointee fifteen years and also highly recommends. No credit or criminal record, Ithaca.

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DETAILS:

AT ITHACA, NEW YORK

On January 16, 1962, [REDACTED] Cornell University, advised that faculty files reflect that JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN was employed as visiting professor of history during the summer session of 1953. He taught a course in American History and visited Cornell as a member of the faculty of Brooklyn College.

On January 16, 1962, [REDACTED] Department of History, Cornell University, advised the appointee is an outstanding historian and is highly regarded in the field of American History, particularly the history of the American Negro. [REDACTED] stated he became quite well acquainted with FRANKLIN when he was a visiting professor during the summer of 1953. He described him as an able man and

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a good man, a personable individual of apparent excellent character and unquestioned loyalty.

On January 17, 1962, [redacted] Cornell University, advised he has known the appointee for over fifteen years through fellow membership in the American Historical Association and the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. He stated he regards the appointee as a fine and able historian and as an extremely broadminded person, who has never allowed the racial issue to bother him and who has never held any bitterness toward anyone because of his own racial background. [redacted] advised he considers FRANKLIN to be a brilliant teacher, a good companion, and a fine colleague, and undoubtedly our leading Negro historian. He advised he would have no hesitancy in recommending the appointee as a loyal American citizen and as a person of exemplary character.

On January 17, 1962, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Ithaca, advised the appointee has no record in the files of this bureau.

On January 17, 1962, Sergeant [redacted] advised that neither the appointee nor his wife has any record with the Ithaca Police Department.

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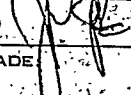
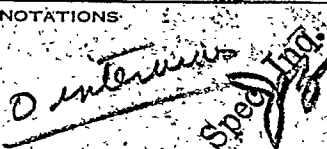

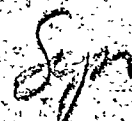
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Synopsis:

No credit or arrest record for [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Clerk, Chicago Credit Bureau, Inc., advised Investigative Clerk [redacted] on January 17, 1962, that a check of the credit files disclosed no credit record for [redacted]

A check of the arrest files at the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department, on January 17, 1962, by Investigative Clerk [redacted] disclosed no arrest record for the above-listed persons.

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Synopsis:

Files G-2, Fort Holabird, Maryland, contained no information concerning appointee. Appointee awarded honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, June, 1960, Morgan State College, Baltimore.

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DETAILS:BALTIMORE DIVISIONAT BALTIMORE, MD.MISCELLANEOUS:

The files of G-2, U.S. Army Counterintelligence Records Facility Fort Holabird, were checked by IC

[REDACTED] on January 17, 1962, through [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] without locating
any record of the captioned individual.

On January 17, 1962, Dr. MARTIN JENKINS, President, Morgan State College, advised that the appointee was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on June 6, 1960.

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**Files of NCUA contained the following references
regarding appointee:**

**FRANK HERBERT APPELBERG "Documentary History of
the Negro People in the U. S." Daily People's World, Aug. 12,
1952, Page 7.**

**Author of "From Slavery to Freedom" sold by the
Workers Book Shop, Workers Book Shop Catalog, 1948, Page 10.**

**FRANK HERBERT APPELBERG "Documentary History of
the Negro People in the U. S." Daily Worker, August 8, 1951,
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A speaker at the 90th birthday celebration for Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS held March 2 at the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City, [redacted] The Worker, March 9, 1958, Page 3.

Signed American Civil Liberties Union resolution calling for abolition of committee. Source - "Kingsman" (Brooklyn College newspaper) *Signed from NY Times*

Author of "The Militant South" (Harvard University Press) reviewed by HERBERT APTHURER, Daily Worker, Nov. 15, 1956, Page 7.

Author of "From Slavery to Freedom" advertised in Workers Book Shop, 1949-1950, Catalogue, Page 14.

Jefferson Bookshop, author of book entitled "Militant South" on recommended list for Negro History Week. The Worker, 2/12/61, Page 10.

American Civil Liberties Union - among "250 leading American professors" who signed a statement calling for abolition of House Committee on Un-American Activities. American Civil Liberties Union News Release dated 3/14/61, for release March 20, 1961. *Signed NY Times*

His book "The Militant South" (Belknap Press - Harvard) reviewed; photo, Daily Worker, October 12, 1956, Page 6.

The Washington Cooperative Bookshop, 916 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Speaker at meeting in February, 1948. The Bookshopper, July, 1948, Page 3.

Workers Library Publishers. Author. Workers Library, Catalogue, 1938, Page 18.

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Author of the pamphlet, "National Defense", published by The American League Against War and Fascism, 1936, 112 E 15th Street, New York City. *Cowley Bell*

American League Against War and Fascism, Speaker; New York City, Daily Worker, January 7, 1937, Page 8.

The CSC files contained the following references on the appointee:

New York Times, 3/20/61, Page C-12

Jewish Currents, Vol. 14, No. 2, Feb. 1960, P. 30.

The Worker, 6/26/60, P. 3, 3/7/54, P. 13.

Daily Worker, 1/1/57, P. 7; 12/23/53, P. 8.

National Guardian, 2/6/61, P. 13; 6/20/60, P. 5; 5/30/60, P. 3; 3/15/60, P. 7; 3/10/59, P. 4.

New York notes references in New York City area. The above information is furnished to other offices to aid in their investigation. WFO will attempt to report the above information from the publications and New York, if deemed pertinent, will report from original sources on American Civil Liberties Union, the "Kingsman" from Brooklyn College, and the American League Against War and Fascism.

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The University of Wis. Faculty Directory is printed at the beginning of the school year in September and, because he did not come to the University of Wis. until February, JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN'S address did not appear in University of Wis. Faculty Directory for 1952-1953. Remaining records at University of Wis. did not contain his address and, of those interviewed, only could recall that he lived in an apartment somewhere in the campus district. For these reasons, no neighborhood was conducted.

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The identities of informants contacted by SA [redacted]
[redacted] in this case were as follows:

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, born 1/2/15 in Rentiesville, Okla., was visiting Professor in History Department of University of Wis. (UW) at Madison, Wis. during spring semester from February to June of 1953. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the UW, who have known FRANKLIN for over 20 years, recommend FRANKLIN highly on basis of loyalty, character, reputation, professional ability, personality and outstanding record as representative of US abroad in recent years. Confidential informants acquainted with Communist and pro-Communist activities in Madison area do not know FRANKLIN or his wife and have no information concerning them.

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DETAILS: AT MADISON, WISCONSINEMPLOYMENT

University of Wisconsin (UW)
History Department
Visiting Professor
February to June, 1953

On January 12, 1962 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] checked her records and advised that JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, born January 2, 1915 in Rentiesville, Oklahoma, was a visiting Professor in the History Department at the UW during the spring semester from February to June of 1953. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] did not know Professor FRANKLIN personally but said his record at the UW was clear.

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On January 15, 1962 [redacted] History Department, UW, said that he has known JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN for over twenty years. He said that FRANKLIN did an excellent job as visiting Professor in History during the spring semester of 1953 at the UW, and that Professor FRANKLIN is highly regarded in educational circles in the United States as an historian and educator. [redacted] further stated no question has ever arisen, to his knowledge, concerning FRANKLIN'S loyalty, character, reputation or associates. [redacted] advised he had heard excellent reports concerning FRANKLIN'S reputation abroad as an American who has made several trips in recent years to foreign countries at the request of the U. S. Department of State and has ably represented the United States on these occasions.

[redacted] said that he would recommend JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN without hesitation for any position for which he might be considered.

On January 17, 1962 [redacted] History Department, UW, said he has known JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN for more than twenty years. He said he believed Professor FRANKLIN had made an excellent impression in Wisconsin during his semester as a visiting Professor in 1953, and both Professor FRANKLIN and his wife are very well regarded as loyal Americans, of excellent character and reputation, who make a particularly good impression in terms of poised and pleasant personalities. [redacted] said that Mr. and Mrs. FRANKLIN are reported to have been very successful in establishing an outstanding record as representatives of the United States in foreign countries to which they have travelled in recent years at the request of the U. S. Government.

[redacted] added that during the past four or five years, Professor FRANKLIN has been Chairman of the History Department in Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York, where he took over a department burdened by factional dissension, and he is reported to have done a remarkably fine job in pulling the department together as a harmonious and effective educational unit. [redacted] said he would recommend JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN very highly for any position or assignment under consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants acquainted with Communist and pro-Communist activities in the Madison area were contacted on

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January 15 and 16, 1962 concerning this case. None of these informants knew JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN or his wife, and none had any information concerning them.

CREDIT AND ARREST

The following individuals were contacted on January 12, 1962, but none had any information concerning Mr. or Mrs. JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN:

[redacted] Madison Credit Bureau;
Lieutenant [redacted] Madison Police Department;
[redacted] Dane County Sheriff's Office;
Sergeant [redacted] UW Protection and Security
Department.



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Synopsis:

[REDACTED] Virginia State College, Ettrick, Virginia, on 1/17/62 advised that an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws conferred on Dr. JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN at the College on 5/29/61. No additional information available.

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DETAILS:HONORARY DEGREES

On January 17, 1962, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Virginia State College, Ettrick, Virginia, added from her personal knowledge and from records in the registrar office that Virginia State College conferred an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws on Doctor JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN of Brooklyn, New York at the College on May 29, 1961. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated that to her knowledge no one at the College could furnish additional information concerning Doctor FRANKLIN or the conferring of the honorary degree.

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